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Dear Manufacturer:

SUBJECT: New EPA Certification Data Submission Procedures

Enclosed is information regarding manufacturers light-duty certification data submission requirements to EPA during the period from September 1, 1996 through February 1, 1997. EPA's Certification and Fuel Economy Information System (CFEIS) will be moving from the existing MTS-CFEIS computer system to a new computer system, called IOV-CFEIS. Until IOV-CFEIS is fully implemented on February 1, 1997, EPA will use an Interim-CFEIS data base. Interim-CFEIS will allow manufacturers to produce "stand-alone summary sheets" and allow EPA to issue certificates of conformity. Information and data requirements for the draft Interim-CFEIS were presented at the last CFEIS-Industry briefing on June 26, 1996.

The enclosures to this letter provide manufacturers with the final information needed to submit data to EPA using both Interim-CFEIS and IOV-CFEIS. Included are the Interim-CFEIS Manufacturer User Manual, Interim-CFEIS input forms, IOV-CFEIS input forms, IOV-CFEIS data format revisions to the "green book" distributed on June 26, 1996 and version 3.2 of the EPA standardized engine family naming convention. One set of enclosures are included for each manufacturer, if you need additional copies please contact Sally Hollowell, 313-741-7904. The enclosures are also available for downloading using EPA's CFEIS internet site at the following address: <http://www.epa.gov/OMSWWW/gopher/Cert/CFEIS/> or on the TTNBBS dial-in (919-541-5742).

Manufacturers should complete all MTS-CFEIS data processing by September 1, 1996. Corrections can continue until MTS-CFEIS is shut down on September 12, 1996. New certification requests must be processed using Interim-CFEIS starting on September 1, 1996.

Manufacturers should use Interim-CFEIS if there is any chance that MTS-CFEIS processing will not be completed by the shut-down date.

Once manufacturers start using Interim-CFEIS, manufacturers should submit both the IOV- and Interim-CFEIS data to the EPA computer operations window. A summary sheet output report will be returned to the manufacturers after the data has been processed at the EPA computer operations window. Manufacturers should verify the information on this report, mark any minor corrections, and then submit a copy of the report to their EPA certification representative with the application for certification for each engine family. [EPA cannot issue certificates prior to receiving a copy of this report.]

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact your EPA certification team representative or the CFEIS team via E-mail at omscfeis@epamail.epa.gov. Please plan to attend our next CFEIS-Industry meeting, tentatively scheduled for November 6, 1996.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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